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DEATH! IN THE NAME OF GOG

PYRATE SCANS!

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SUPERMAN vs. GOG PART 2: BEHOLD, I AM AGAINST THEE

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SHLUCK
CRACK
WHO ARE YOU?!
AH.
OH, MAN --
THOOM
AH.
WHOA, THAT REALLY HURTS.

HNNGG!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
SUPERBOY --
-- MOVE!
SHLLM

YOU OKAY?
THROOM
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO GET TO SAFETY.
I WAS TOO WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
I'M FINE. FEEL LIKE A MILLION BUCKS.
OLD, READY TO BE RECYCLED BUCKS, BUT --
WHO IS THIS GUY? WHY'D HE DESTROY SMALLVILLE, AND WHY IS HE TRYING TO KILL US?
WAIT, WHERE'D HE GO?
DOES HE HAVE SUPER SPEED?
I DON'T KNOW. I TOLD YOU, I NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE --

FZZZAAASSHHH
AAAH!
SHLUCK
AAH!
SMAK
CRAK

FZZZZSS
AAAAH!
FZZSS
HNNNN!
BROOM
KA-BROOM

ARE THERE TWO OF 'EM?
I HOPE SO, BECAUSE THE ALTERNATIVE IS --
FFFZZZZZZZSSSSSHAAAAAAA
-- WE'RE NOT HURTING HIM.
HAHA HAHAHA HAHA
ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
SSSZZZZZMMMM
TELEPORTING?
LOOKS LIKE.
TO WHERE?
I DON'T KNOW --

-- BEHIND US AGAIN?
I'VE TRIPLE-CHECKED AND WE DEFINITELY GOT EVERYONE TO SAFETY.
WHAT NOW?
SUPERMAN SAYS TO GET OURSELVES TO SAFETY, BUT --
-- I DON'T KNOW, DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD BE HELPING THEM WITH --
CHOOOOM

KRUEGER

KRANG
REEEEEE
BOOM-
KEESH
KID FLASH --
DOWN!
THWIP

WHOA!
HEY!
KRUNCH
GUESS WHAT MY LASSO CAN DO!

HNNNGGHH!
WHAM
FZZZZZZSSS
?

WHO IS THIS GUY?
YOU ALL RIGHT?
MMM. NOT REALLY, NO.
YEAH, YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD. LET'S GET YOU TO A DOCTOR OR SOMETHING.
CAN'T DO IT.
HE'LL BE BACK, AND I'VE GOTTA STOP HIM BEFORE HE HURTS SOMEONE.
SOMEONE BESIDES ME, THAT IS.
YOU THREE GO GET HELP, IN CASE I CAN'T DO THIS ALONE THE JLA, MORE TITANS ~
WHAT'S THAT GREEN STUFF HE INJECTED INTO YOU?
KRYPTONITE, I THINK.
LIQUEFIED

AND I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S KILLING ME, SO YOU'D BETTER HURRY
I'M GOING TO DRAW HIM TO THE ABANDONED MILITARY BASE JUST NORTH OF HERE
SEE IF I CAN FIND SOME WEAPONS I CAN USE ON HIM.
YOU CAN COUNT ON US!
MAN, HE IS JUST THE COOLEST
COOLEST HICK, YOU MEAN.
I WILL NEVER CALL HIM A H CK AGA N
SEE I TOLD YOU
OH, MAN! DID HE SAY HE WAS GOING TO THE ABANDONED MILITARY BASE?
THAT'S WHERE WE TOOK SOME OF THE PEOPLE.
YOU JUST THINK OF THAT NOW?
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF "FLASH."
GO GET HELP WHILE I FIND SUPERMAN.
BE CAREFUL.
THE BASE IS ABOUT TWO MILES NORTH OF HERE, ALONG THE LITTLE ROAD THAT RUNS OUT OF TOWN.
MAN. I COULDA BEEN THERE AND SAVED EVERYONE N THE TIME T TAKES TO TELL YOU

SAVE YOURSELVES, LITTLE ONES.
AND IF YOU CHOOSE TO RETURN WITH THIS SO-CALLED "HELP" --
-- BE SURE TO BRING A PAIR OF ADEQUATELY SIZED CASKETS.
HAHA HAHAHA HAHA
ZONDA PARKING
TO THINK ALL THIS TIME I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT DOOMSDAY, AND THEN THIS LOSER SHOWS UP AND KICKS MY --
GREAT. THIS STUFF IS USELESS.
SUPERMAN! HE'S RIGHT BEHIND ME!

KID FLASH AND WONDER GIRL MOVED PEOPLE FROM DOWNTOWN SMALLVILLE TO HERE.
YOU'RE KIDDING ME.
HERE WHERE?!
CHOW!

AAH!
FZZZZZAAM
SUPERBOY, GET THOSE PEOPLE OUT OF HERE!
DONE!
HEY!
OOF!

OH MY GOD!
KA-TOOOM
SUPERMAN?
SUPERMAN?!
SUPERMAN, ARE YOU --
CHRUNK
OH, NO.
FZZSSH

NO, NO, NO!

HE HAS NO PULSE!
THIS MAN IS LIKE A FATHER TO ME, AND HE HAS NO PULSE!
WHY DID YOU DO THIS?!
WHY?!
THIS IS A GREAT MAN! HE'S...
HE'S DONE SO MUCH FOR...
FZZSSH
PLEASE DON'T LET HIM DIE.
END?

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Last stand at S.T.A.R. Labs! Injured from his knock-down fight with Gog, Superman is cornered by every villain who wants to make a name for himself. Will Wonder Woman and Superboy be enough muscle to help Superman? By Austen, Reis and Campos.

MANHUNTER #1 (August, 2004)

In this new monthly series that picks up where one of the epic events unfolding in IDENTITY CRISIS leaves off, Eisner Award-winning scribe **Marc Andreyko** (*Torso*), 21 DOWN artists **Jesus Saiz** and **Jimmy Palmiotti,** and cover artist **Jae Lee** help federal prosecutor Kate Spencer launch her violent campaign against metahuman criminals using the very weapons and methods of those she stalks! And since we know that a central character appearing throughout IDENTITY CRISIS figures prominently on her hit list, MANHUNTER will make a quick and very noticeable mark in the DC Universe!

The Hot List THIS WEEK

AQUAMAN #19

Aquaman finally comes face to face with the man behind the disaster that ravaged San Diego. Why would anyone kill thousands of innocent people and doom thousands more to a life beneath the ocean?

IDENTITY CRISIS #1 (OF 7)

Brad Meltzer, Rags Morales, Michael Bair and cover artist Michael Turner launch comics' biggest event of the decade! DC's greatest heroes have a secret, one they're willing to sacrifice themselves for. But this issue's sacrifice may be too much for them to bear.

TEEN TITANS #12

The thrilling conclusion of the 4-part "Raven Rising," featuring the final confrontation among the Teen Titans, Brother Blood and Raven! The new Teen Titans discover a horrifying truth about Raven — she may be a bigger threat than Brother Blood.

ADAPTING TO THE HOLLYWOOD CAT-WALK

Before the wildly anticipated *Catwoman* claws its way into theaters this summer, get ready for **CATWOMAN: THE MOVIE,** the exciting adaptation of Warner Bros. Pictures' hot action adventure flick starring **Halle Berry, Benjamin Bratt, Sharon Stone, Lambert Wilson,** and **Frances Conroy**! **CATWOMAN: THE MOVIE** is adapted by writer **Chuck Austen** (ACTION COMICS) with art by SMALLVILLE's **Tom Derenick** and **Adam DeKraker** and a stunning cover by **Jim Lee** (SUPERMAN)!

UNCOMMON CENTS

Expect no quarter to be given to the Dark Knight this July – in fact, **NIGHTWING** writer **Devin Grayson** and penciller **Ramon Bachs** (LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT) assure us that a hostile incursion of Gotham's mob leaders is just the start of a round-Robin story arc that will devastate the Bat-universe in **BATMAN: THE 12-CENT ADVENTURE!**

STRANGER THAN SCIENCE FICTION

Best-selling sci-fi novelist **Kevin J. Anderson** (THE SAGA OF SEVEN SUNS: VEILED ALLIANCES) joins artists **Barry Kitson** (JLA: YEAR ONE) and **Gary Erskine** (THE FILTH) on perhaps the most astonishing JSA project to date, one that teams Johnny Thunder with real-life *Amazing Stories* pulp writer **Jack Williamson** to chronicle the team's adventures during the latter half of World War II. The six-issue **JSA: STRANGE ADVENTURES** miniseries rewrites history starting this August!

MAJESTIC BOWS IN DCU

After quite the dramatic entrance in the Super-books earlier this year, Mr. Majestic makes his domineering presence known throughout the rest of the DC Universe this August. Writers **Dan Abnett** and **Andy Lanning** and artist **Karl Kerschl** – the creative force responsible for Majestic's coronation into the DCU – have conceived a wild four-issue miniseries that establishes his history and radical methods among several disapproving super-peers! Loyal followers can expect a crowning achievement with **MAJESTIC #1**!

HEY, GANG – FREE COMICS!

Mark this on your calendar – July 3 is Free Comic Book Day, and DC is commemorating the occasion with a new printing of the sold-out TEEN TITANS GO #1! Not only is it your chance to check out the comic based on the megahit *Cartoon Network* animated series for free, but the book will also debut a new version of a classic DC spokesman – yes, even more classic than ye old Mole – Johnny DC! (To find a comics store near you, dial the comic shop locator service number – 1-888-COMIC BOOK – or check out the official website at www.freecomicbookday.com.) Between this free comic and BATMAN: THE 12-CENT ADVENTURE, July is shaping up to be a very cost-effective month for readers!

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